

"Behold, all souls are
Mine..."—Ezek. 18:4

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Valley Grace Brethren Church
of Armagh, PA
Sunday, July 17th, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Seventeenth Day of July, *in the Year of our Lord 2022*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.



As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we begin to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which became a major issue of contention in the 5th Century AD.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *“God of our Fathers”* (#547, v. 3).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* (#28).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:1-5.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Special Music: Anna Mason (*“The Power of Your Love”*).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“What a Friend we have in Jesus”* (#100).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“THE BIBLICAL CASE FOR LIFE.”*

Closing Hymn:* *“Are You Washed in the Blood”* (#330).

Benediction.*



**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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Week of July 10-July 16

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—I4

Midweek Prayer—5; Church Offering: \$687.⁰⁰

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

This week we turn to Daniel 4:34-37.

Today's Verse for Reflection:

Luke 1:15: "...and he [John the Baptist] will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb."



On August 1-5, from 3:30 PM-5:00 PM we will be hosting our Vacation Bible School Program, "*Camp Turn Around 2022*" with the help of CEF volunteers.

Registration forms are available in the vestibule, and can also be accessed via our Facebook Page, which directs interested parties to an online PDF form on Internet Archive. Our Bible School is for ages Preschool to 5th Grade. Please be **PRAYING** and **INVITING**! Your donations to CEF can be mailed to **Child Evangelism Fellowship, P.O. Box 403, Indiana, PA, 15701.**

Our **Facebook** boosted advertisement was viewed by 1,985 people and was "engaged" by 84, with 19 clicking onto Internet Archive to view our registration form. Let's pray that these individuals will go one step further and commit to send children!

AFRICA UPDATE: JULY 8TH

Dear beloved brethren,

Pastor Roger is very sick with malaria; please pray for him.

God bless, Keith



From the Desk of Pastor Terry Reese:
“WHAT’S HAPPENING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?”

We have recently begun a new sub-series within our broader analysis of Church History that focuses upon the precious doctrine of **Divine Election & Predestination**. There are few doctrines that merit a greater emphasis, in that our views on this matter will inevitably shape our perspectives concerning the nature of *God, Man, Divine Justice, Divine Grace, and Human Redemption*. If our understanding of Sovereign Divine Election and Predestination is faulty, then our perceptions in each of these areas will be radically flawed and dishonoring unto God.

Historically, the greatest theologians of the Christian Church have generally and commonly affirmed what we call the **Augustinian-Calvinist view**, which avows that human salvation is *purely* a matter of Divine Grace, and that God is *utterly sovereign* over the entire process of our redemption—beginning with His sovereign decrees that were issued from Eternity Past before the foundation of the world. This was the view of all the great High Reformers (e.g., Luther, Calvin, Knox), as well as their worthy successors, the Puritans and our Pilgrim Fathers. It was also the view of such great preachers & revivalists as Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, Robert Murray M’Cheyne, and Charles Spurgeon. It was the view of such pioneer missionaries as John Eliot, David Brainard, and William Carey. It was further affirmed by such early-modern era theological titans as Hodge, Shedd, Warfield, and Machen. In our later-modern era, it continued to be the view of the more substantial leaders of popular evangelicalism such as Lloyd-Jones, Henry, Sproul, MacArthur, Ryrie, Boice, Mohler, Packer, Keller, and Piper. **In short, it is the view of the most distinguished minds & ablest expositors of historic Christianity.** This is a simple, inarguable, and forceful FACT of history.

Sadly, the biblical view has fallen upon hard times in recent years, as it does not represent the “majority report” within today’s shallow popular evangelicalism. This is the bitter harvest of our self-absorbed and theologically unreflective Laodicean Age that wallows in a cliché-ridden sentimentality—even as it challenges God’s justice and seeks to diminish His sovereignty while elevating man’s purported strength & potential.

Thus, we have inaugurated this series of studies with the growth and maturity of God’s people in view. Consistent with this end, we have invested enormous time and effort on an original syllabus that features my own original artwork, consisting of entertaining and enlightening cartoons with the hope that such a device will bring clarity to ordinary people on such a vital topic. **We hope to see you in Sunday School!**